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BIRD BANDING DEPARTMENT

Under the Direction of Wm. I. Lyon, Waukegan, Ill.

Following is a copy of the minutes of the first activities of the Inland Bird Banding Association.

October 23, 1922.

During the past year I have been corresponding with the Biological Survey in regard to forming a Bird Banding Association in the Mississippi Valley or the Central part of the United States and Canada.

In anticipation of forming such an organization I have written over 100 letters, and have induced at least twenty-five persons to take up bird banding.

As time advanced the logical place to form such Association seemed to be the A. O. U. convention, so I interested Mr. P. B. Coffin, President of the Chicago Ornithological Society to name a committee to promote a dinner for that purpose.

I had letters printed and mailed to about 75 persons who would be interested. I received answers and enough verbal acceptances from the announcement at the A. O. U. meeting so that when dinner time came, 52 were assembled at our first dinner, held at the City Club of Chicago, who signed as follows:—

S. Prentiss Baldwin, Cleveland, Ohio.
Leon J. Cole, Madison, Wis.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. I. Lyon, Waukegan, Illinois.
Herbert L. Stoddard, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. Cosie Clark Miller, Racine, Wis.
Dr. Frederick C. Test, Chicago, Ill.
P. B. Coffin, Chicago, Ill.
Henry B. Ward, Urbana, Ill.
Arthur D. Moore, South Haven, Mich.
Mrs. Ethel M. Towns, Milwaukee, Wis.
F. W. Rapp, Vicksburg, Mich.
Lucy V. Baxter Coffin, Chicago, Ill.
Harry C. Oberholser, Washington, D. C.
Frederick C. Lincoln, Washington, D. C.
Walter B. Barrows, East Lansing, Mich.
Amos W. Butler, Indianapolis, Ind.
Myron H. Swenk, Lincoln, Neb.
A. F. Ganier, Nashville, Tenn.
T. C. Stephens, Sioux City, Iowa.
T. L. Hankinson, Ypsilanti, Mich.
E. H. Forbush, Boston, Mass.
Lynds Jones, Oberlin, Ohio.
Althea R. Sherman, National, via McGregor, Ia.
Dr. W. H. Bergtold, Denver, Colo.
Theodore G. Ahrens, Ph.D., Baltimore, Ohio.
Dr. Wm. C. Herman, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Wm. C. Herman, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Henry H. Covell, M.D., Rochester, N. Y.
Geo. Finlay Simmons, Austin, Texas.
Mrs. Alice B. Harrington, Boston, Mass.
Dr. A. H. Cordier, Kansas City, Mo.
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Brandt, Cleveland, Ohio.
Miss Katherine McGregor, Cleveland, Ohio.
Edward F. Ford, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Arthur A. Allen, Ithaca, N. Y.
E. J. Sawyer, Syracuse, N. Y.
C. A. Mitchell, Riverside, Ill.
Mrs. H. J. Taylor, Sioux City, Iowa.
Margaret M. Nice, Norman, Okla.
Mrs. C. H. Gleason, Grand Rapids, Mich.
John F. McBride, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. William M. Levey, Brookline, Mass.
Francis H. Herrick, Cleveland, Ohio.
Cheswell J. Hunt, Chicago, Ill.
Harry Harris, Kansas City, Mo.
Dix Teachenor, Kansas City, Mo.
Alfred Lewy, Chicago, Ill.
C. W. G. Eifrig, Oak Park, Ill.
Flora S. Richardson (Mrs.), Chicago, Ill.
W. D. Richardson, Chicago, Ill.

October 24th, 1922.

After the dinner was over, the members of the Wilson Ornithological Club adjourned to the adjoining room for their annual business meeting, and the remainder were called to order by Mr. Percival Brooks Coffin, who extended a welcome to all present, then turned the meeting over to William I. Lyon, who stated the purpose of the meeting, then called on Dr. Harry C. Oberholser who gave the Biological Survey position on banding.

Then Mr. S. Prentiss Baldwin explained the origin of trapping.

Mr. Frederick C. Lincoln explained the present banding situation.

Dr. Leon J. Cole, First President of the American Bird Banding Association gave some early history.

Dr. Frederick C. Test told of interesting Boy Scout Masters.

Dr. Lynds Jones spoke on publicity.

Edward H. Forbush, President of the New England Bird Banding Association, explained their progress.

The Chairman called for suggestions for organizing, and on motion, appointed the following nominating committee: Dr. Harry C. Oberholser, Percival Brooks Coffin, Frederick C. Lincoln, who adjourned to an adjoining room, and soon brought in the following nominations:—

President—S. Prentiss Baldwin, Cleveland, Ohio.

Vice-President—Dr. Leon J. Cole, Madison, Wis.

Secretary—William I. Lyon, Waukegan, Ill.

Treasurer—Herbert L. Stoddard, Milwaukee, Wis.

For Councilors—M. J. Magee, Mrs. H. C. Miller, P. B. Coffin, Dr. F. C. Test, Dr. H. B. Ward.

It was moved that those assembled proceed with election, and the entire ticket was unanimously elected by acclamation.

The newly elected President, S. Prentiss Baldwin, took the chair.

It was moved and seconded that the dues should be \$1.00 a year, and that the constitution and by-laws be left for a committee to form. Carried.

A number of those present signed as members.

Then followed a general open discussion on Bird Banding until the meeting closed.

October 25th, 1922.

A directors meeting of the officers was called by the President during the noon recess of the A. O. U. Convention.

Present were Baldwin, Cole, Lyon, Stoddard, Mrs. Miller, Coffin, Test, and Ward.

Inland Bird Banding Association was adopted as the name of the organization.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase stationary and such other supplies as needed.

Methods of arranging funds were discussed, also plans for the future.

Wednesday evening at the banquet, the Bird Banders were again much pleased to find more evidence of their popularity in that wonderful occasional journal, The Auklet. On page 13, under New England Migration notes, they accuse Forbush of changing his motto to "A bird without a band is worth nothing in the bush."

On page 15 there appeared the following interesting news item— "Bandmaster Baldwin is said to be Lyon low Forbushes in which Lincoln's Sparrows may be trapped."

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFICERS OF THE INLAND BIRD BANDING ASSOCIATION

President,—

Mr. S. Prentiss Baldwin, the Williamson Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Baldwin needs no introduction to those who are interested in birds, as his name will go down in history as the man who proved that systematic trapping would bring the best results in Bird banding.

Vice-President,—

Dr. Leon J. Cole, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. Dr. Cole is in charge of the Department of Genetics of the University of Wisconsin. He was the first president of the American Bird Banding Association, and his pioneer work is too well known for further comment.

Secretary,—

Mr. William I. Lyon, 124 Washington Street, Waukegan, Ill. Mr. Lyon is a real estate broker. He was one of the main promoters of